In re Appln. of Savicki, Alan F. Application No. 09/979,521

Remarks

The allowance of claims 1, 2, 6-10, 14-16, 20-25, 29-33, 37-39, 43, 44, 48-67, 71 and 76-83 is acknowledged and appreciated. In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2004, applicant has amended the preamble of claim 71 to include the obviously missing phrase "comprising the step of" and has canceled, without prejudice, claims 11, 12, 17-19, 34, 35, 40-42 and 72-75. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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